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One of the scenes of the crime in Rand Hall.

Erin Mullin photo

Major damage to Rand

Possibly \$3000 in damage caused by fire extinguisher discharge, responsible parties unknown

By JOANNA STANDLEY
Copy Editor

Lewiston fire-fighters arrived at Rand Hall in the early morning hours of last Monday to find the dorm caked chemicals from exhausted fire extinguishers.

The Lewiston Fire Department arrived at 2:43 a.m. when the powdered chemicals discharged by fire extinguishers triggered the alarm system.

Many residents were already outside of Rand when the Fire Department arrived, thinking the haze created by the chemicals was actual smoke.

Due to the hazardous nature of the chemicals, residents of Rand had to be evacuated to alternative housing - either Adams or Smith, or to friends' rooms.

Once students were evacuated, the area around Rand was taped off and all the doors were locked so that students could not reenter the dorm until further notification due to hazardous conditions.

An extensive clean-up process was then undertaken, requiring 28 Physical Plant

workers. All of the dorm's smoke detectors needed to be replaced. In addition, the piano in the first floor lounge was severely damaged.

Students were finally allowed back in Rand at 4 p.m. the following day, Tuesday, April 20th.

The cost of cleaning and repairs is estimated at more than \$3000. If the responsible parties are not identified, the cost will be split among the residents of Rand Hall.

Although the persons responsible for this incident have not been identified, several Rand residents reported hearing a person on the third floor say, "Do it now, do it now," according to Ronald 27, Assistant Director of Bates Security.

Another student reportedly saw a male student wearing a Bates baseball hat leaving the area around the time that the fire extinguishers were discharged.

Students who have any information regarding this incident should contact one of the deans of students, Keith Tannenbaum, or Keith Gauger, the resident coordinator of Rand.

Bates students arrested for computer crimes

Also, threatening messages found at Parsons House

By SHAWN P. O'LEARY
Editor-in-Chief

Four Bates students were arrested last month as the result of an investigation into possible violations of computer privacy laws.

Jayan Hong '01, David Levin '01, Ali Malik '01 and David Sek '01 were all arrested April 13 and charged with aggravated invasion of computer privacy - a class C crime. All four men are awaiting their initial court appearances, which are to be held separately over the next few weeks.

The men are accused of illegally copying and then distributing Microsoft Office 2000 and Microsoft Windows 98 Upgrade from their computers.

According to Lt. David Chamberlain of the Lewiston Police Department, Bates Information Services discovered an "attempted hack" into a Bates-owned computer and began an initial investigation. "Bates security and computer services initially found evidence that possible illegal activities had occurred," said Chamberlain. Bates then informed the Lewiston P.D. of the possible computer crime.

The police performed a preliminary investigation into the matter before compiling sufficient evidence for search and arrest warrants. The four men were arrested and their computers were confiscated - including a server, according to a press release issued by the Lewiston P.D. If convicted of the

charges the four men could face up to five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines.

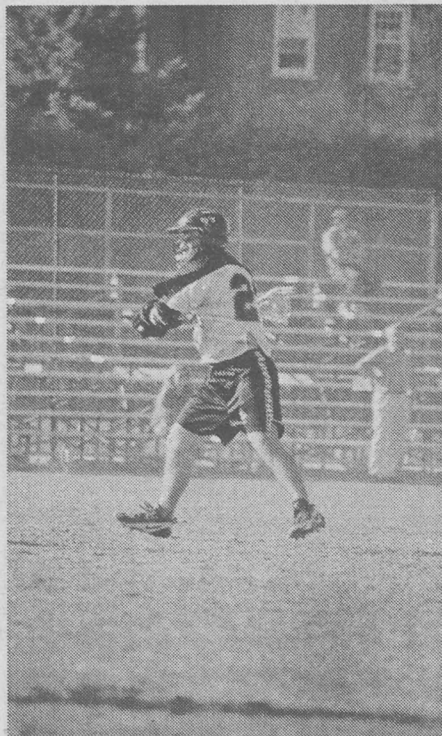
They could also run the risk of losing their computer equipment, especially if they are found guilty of the crime. "Once an instrumentality of a crime is seized - usually after a conviction - a separate forfeiture hearing can be held," explained Chamberlain. At that hearing, based on a preponderance of the evidence, the four men could permanently lose their computer equipment.

Ali Malik, a resident of Pakistan, may also face deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a result of the arrests. According to Chamberlain, the INS reviews all such cases involving foreign nationals. While Chamberlain declined to comment as to what the INS is likely to do, he did state that the agency has been particularly stringent of late - even deporting people for passing bad checks.

The four students may also face disciplinary action by the college. Celeste Branham, dean of students, could not be for comment on the matter. In an interview with the Sun Journal last month, however, Branham left that possibility open, stating that she could not comment on an ongoing investigation.

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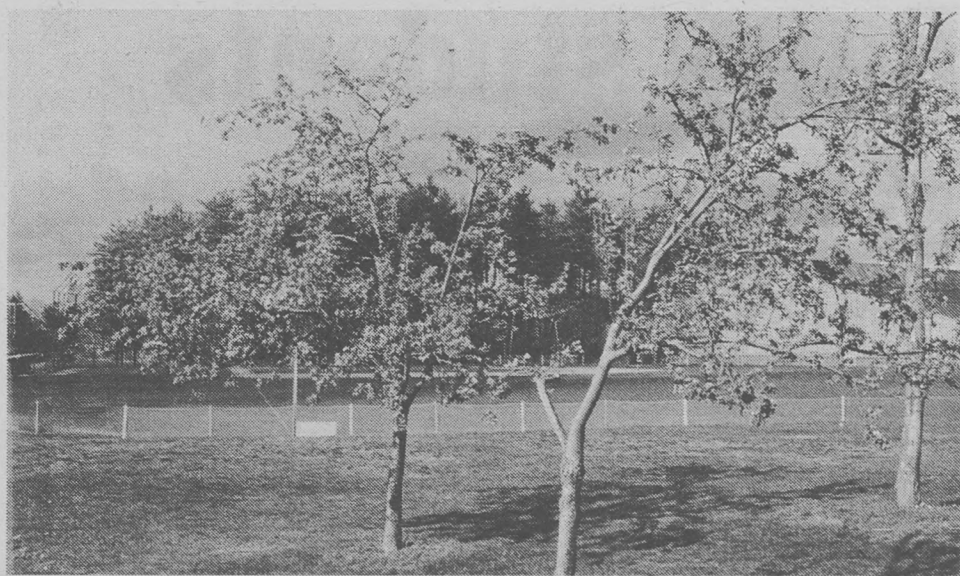
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A sunny day on campus.

Erin Mullin photo

Congressmen to sue Clinton over action in Yugoslavia

By JOANNA CORMAN

The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. - Rep. Tom Campbell, who is also a Stanford Law Professor, has raised an old source of contention between a president and Congress - can a war continue without congressional approval?

Campbell (R-Calif.) says President Clinton must answer to the Constitution, and he says that means asking Congress for permission to continue the bombing of Serbia.

Along with 16 Congressmen, Campbell filed a lawsuit against Clinton on April 30 to either force a declaration of war or stop the bombing.

The House gave Campbell standing for his lawsuit last month by rejecting, 427 to 2, a resolution he had submitted to declare war. Had the House voted in favor of declaring war, his suit would be moot.

"I hope that the federal judge declares that the president must get the approval from Congress for continuing," Campbell said.

Campbell is invoking the Vietnam-era War Powers Resolution, which says the president must get congressional approval to wage war if hostilities last more than 60 days. Bombing began March 24, so under that resolution, Clinton has until the end of May to continue.

Although some agree that military force in Kosovo violates the Constitution, experts say it's not likely the president will be forced to withdraw U.S. troops.

"It's a continuing bone of contention between the president and Congress," regardless of political party, said Political Science Prof. Morris Fiorina, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. "To some extent it's unlikely Campbell's actions will make a difference."

Fiorina added that Campbell is doing something positive in making Congress think about its responsibilities.

While the lawsuit may prompt Congress to think about the legality of the war, Fiorina and others say it's unlikely the court will take the case. Instead, he said, the court is more likely to let Congress and president

New Dean of Faculty named

CHASE HALL LOUNGE - President Harward announced the selection of a new Dean of Faculty, Jill Reich, at Monday's faculty.

The low keyed announcement came after a search that examined candidates from Bates and all over the nation.

Reich comes to Bates from a stint as Director of Education for the American Psychological Association, and was formerly Dean of the Faculty at Trinity College, in Hartford, Conn.

deal with it.

Campbell, on the other hand, called his prospects for winning "fairly good." He cited a similar case during the Gulf War in which then-Rep. Ron Dellums, a Democrat from Oakland, filed a lawsuit against the Bush administration in 1990. The Supreme Court dropped the case because Congress hadn't yet voted on whether to approve the war.

"In the Vietnam War, courts usually denied lawsuits, saying congressmen did not have standing," Campbell said. But in the Dellums case, a federal judge said congressmen do have standing to sue the president, he added.

In addition, he said the president has had time to secure congressional approval. "The president didn't make his case to Congress," for the war and has maintained he does not need to.

Eileen Burgin, an associate professor of political science at the University of Vermont who specializes in congressional politics, thinks Campbell has no grounds for his suit.

"Congress has a lot of means at its disposal to stop the president," she said. Burgin cited cutting funding as one example of what Congress could do.

Instead, the House rejected Campbell's measure for immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops, 139 to 290. And the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$12.9-billion military spending bill, slightly more than double what Clinton had asked for.

Burgin said these numbers show there is no consensus in Congress to invoke the War Powers Resolution.

Previously, she said, "Campbell said the War Powers Resolution is bad. But now he likes it. It's a way to criticize a Democratic president."

Campbell's Web site shows he supported military action in the Gulf War under President Bush.

And while Congress has not used its powers to stop Clinton, Campbell believes the undeclared war in Kosovo is wrong because, he said, the Kosovars are worse off since NATO troops started bombing the area.

"I realize I can be wrong," Campbell said. "I just point to the record," that despite U.S. intervention, the plight of ethnic Albanians has worsened.

Campbell expects a judge to look at the case this week.

Bates ranked among most wired colleges in U.S.

In its May 1999 issue, Yahoo Internet Life magazine rated Bates College 27th among the top 100 Most Wired Colleges in the nation and fifth among all liberal arts institutions.

The Yahoo top-100 list rates colleges on a number of factors involved in making the Internet and World Wide Web available to students on campus. The survey considers every aspect of a college's Internet experience, including the number of computers and lab hours available per student, the number of laptop ports provided by schools, network speed, student Web usage, accessibility of digital cameras and computer resources available for seeing- and hearing-impaired students.

At Bates, where 90 percent of dorms are wired for the Internet, students can register for classes as well as add or drop them online. They also can view and update their course schedules or forward transcripts through their computers. Each student at Bates has an e-mail account, and many have personal Web sites.

The Bates College Web site received a Gold Medal award for Web design from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in 1996. In 1999, the Bates College Chaplain's Web site received a CASE Bronze Medal award for design in the World Wide Web site category.

American helicopter crashes in Albania

Hopes slim for quick peace

NATO bombing of Yugoslavia entered its seventh week amid some hopeful signs that the alliance and Serb leaders are working to a conclusion, but also the feeling that any resolution will be hard won and long in coming.

Making matters worse for NATO was the loss of an Apache attack helicopter and the death of its two man crew during a training mission in Albania. This was the second crash of an Apache since their arrival in Albania, and the first Allied deaths in the Balkans conflict.

Russian involvement and the recent visit by the Reverend Jesse Jackson to Yugoslavia have lent some hope to the search for a peaceful resolution to the fighting in the region.

Kosovo Albanian leader Massimo D'Alema was allowed to fly to Rome to work towards peace. There had been fears for D'Alema's safety in Kosovo, and concerns that he was being coerced into cooperation with the Yugoslav government.

Jackson's visit with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic resulted in the release of three American prisoners of war, who were captured along the Yugoslav-Albanian border several weeks ago.

Though the men had minor injuries said to have occurred during their capture, they were reported to be in relatively good condition upon their return to allied forces.

NATO must now decide if it will return a Serb POW that the Kosovo Liberation Army delivered to them several weeks ago.

Meanwhile the allied bombing campaign continues in Yugoslavia. NATO aircraft have recently attacked fuel sites and the local power grid.

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Massachusetts fine for fake ID's could be tripled

By KRISTEN GELINEAU

The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. - Students caught buying alcohol with fake IDs could face a \$1,000 fine under a proposal before state legislators aimed at cracking down on underage drinking.

The penalty for using a false ID would more than triple from \$300 to \$1,000 under a bill sponsored by state Reps. Kevin Honan (D-Brighton), John Rogers (D-Norwood) and Charles Murphy (D-Burlington).

Police officers and liquor store owners say it's essential to hit students in the wallet, arguing most don't have enough money to pay the fine and many would be unwilling to go to their parents.

"A thousand dollars is a lot for a student," said Boston Police Department Capt. William Evans, who oversees District 14, including Allston and Brighton. "I think you'd think twice about it. It makes the danger that much greater for trying it."

Boston police have investigated about 150 fake ID cases in Allston and Brighton since the beginning of the school year—an increase over previous years, according to Evans.

In response, police have cracked down on popular locations for underage alcohol buying in the Boston University area.

Among the "hot spots" Evans mentioned was Sako's Deli on 270 Babcock St., where police arrested 18-year-old College of Arts and Sciences freshman Andrew Geiger Wednesday night after he allegedly used his older brother's driver's license to buy a 12-pack of Natural Ice beer.

According to police, Geiger handed the beer to College of Communication freshman Justin Hill, also 18, after leaving the store. Geiger was subsequently charged with underage possession of alcohol, possession of a fraudulent driver's license, procuring alcohol by false representation and procuring alcohol for a person under 21.

He faces up to five years in prison and a \$300 fine, Evans said.

Hill was charged with underage pos-

session of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

Sako's owner Shahan Stephanian was issued a licensed-premise violation for selling alcohol to a minor.

Evans said improved computer technology allows the creation of very realistic looking fake IDs, making it harder for police, club bouncers and liquor store employees to spot them. Fake IDs are now even available over the Internet, he added.

"I think, unfortunately, kids have greater access to them because technology is better," he said.

Some Boston-area clubs are fighting back with high technology of their own.

Doormen at Jillian's on Ipswich Street use a computerized ID checker that scans the magnetic strip on a license, allowing them to quickly recognize many fakes, according to general manager Brian O'Donnell. He said the club confiscated nearly 20 false IDs last Saturday.

"Jillian's is probably the most difficult place in Boston to get into with a fake ID," O'Donnell said.

However, O'Donnell was skeptical of the proposed legislation, saying increased fines would not stop people from using fake IDs.

"People don't realize how much of a risk it really is," he said. "When I was under 21, it didn't matter to me, so it probably doesn't matter to them."

A CAS sophomore, who declined to be named, said she has had a fake ID for a year and a half. She said she is more concerned about having her ID taken away than having to pay a fine.

"I think judicial actions would influence people not to use their IDs," she said. "I wouldn't want to get thrown in prison or anything."

A COM sophomore, who also would not give her name, said her fake ID was confiscated by an Axis bouncer in October. Nothing happened to her afterwards, she said, adding she doesn't think the proposed fine would be enforced.

"I don't think spending money to propose a new bill is worth it," she said. "I don't think bouncers will abide by it, and kids are going to find a way to drink no matter what. Kids don't really care about the law."

Police

From page one

Police return to campus

In an unrelated matter, the Lewiston P.D. was again called to the campus when threatening messages were found in Parsons House.

According to Security and Campus Safety Officer Larry Johnson, students discovered the messages around 10 p.m. on April 27. One of the messages stated that the author had obtained a concealed weapons permit and was going to return, and another made references to Adolf Hitler.

Johnson said that the Lewiston P.D. continue to interview residents of the house for possible clues, but that no suspects have yet been determined.

Plain clothes, off-duty police officers were hired by Bates to monitor the house as a precaution, according to Lt. Chamberlain. Memos circulated by college officials indicated the police presence was secured as the result of the proximity of the messages to the violence in Littleton, Colorado.

Chamberlain indicated that the police presence is not uncommon, stating that Bates has in the past hired off-duty officers when administrators and/or students have been threatened with violence.



Parsons House

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Enemy of the people ... Horowitz on Bates

Conservative speaker describes underwhelming reception at Bates, leftist faculty and administration, and the indoctrination of students at "pricey" liberal arts colleges

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By DAVID HOROWITZ
Salon Magazine Columnist

It's that time of year again, when high school graduates set out on their annual tours of campuses, parents in tow, in search of the right bang for their educational buck. This spring I made my own parallel tour, speaking at colleges in Chicago, Boston, New Haven, Quinnipiac, Houston, Dallas and — Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Part of the subtext of my tour was to gauge how much college life had changed since my own student days, back in the 1950s.

At Bates, the topic of my lecture was "The intellectual tradition of the left is bankrupt and its hegemony at Bates is an abuse of academic freedom." In a rare departure from the norm, I had been invited to Bates by the dean of the college, even though, as he informed me shortly after we were introduced, he was a "leftist."

Out of 100 or so colleges I have spoken at in the past several years, I have been invited officially only to four, including Bates. Unlike the greetings they give my former political comrades, college administrations roll out no red carpets for my visits, provide no honorariums or air fares, nor do faculty members normally offer credit to students for attending my lectures (a common practice for many speakers). Even on this occasion, with the Bates dean's official invitation in hand, my reception was a little, shall we say, underwhelming.

I arrived at the airport in Portland the night before my scheduled evening lecture

and was met by a driver, who drove me to an apartment provided by the university. Until my evening lecture the next day, my schedule was open. So, I decided to drop in on the dean to thank him for my invitation and inquire if he would like to have lunch. At his office, I was informed he was unavailable.

Instead, I was provided with a student escort, who took me to the school cafeteria, where I ate by myself. The cafeteria meal was complimentary, and the dean eventually showed up to invite me back to his office. His manner was entirely cordial, though he explained that he had taken some criticism from members of his faculty for even inviting me to visit Bates.

Later, after I returned to California, I received a somewhat testy letter from him because of a full-page ad I had run in the school paper on the day of my lecture, which he had not seen at the time. The ad announced that the dean was inviting students to attend my evening talk. It then continued with the following headline: "Marxism

is a resurgent doctrine in the former Soviet empire and apparently on American campuses too."

Below this headline was a reminder to students that the false doctrines of Marxism had led to the deaths of 100 million people. Below that was a selection of book titles by authors like Thomas Sowell, David Gress and me offered as "antidotes" to what students were being taught by their professors at Bates.

In all fairness, the dean had a point. I had undoubtedly made his life more difficult. Still, his anguish was just another indication of the pressure he was under from his left-wing faculty because of my visit.

How leftist is his faculty? In the Bates catalog is a course listed as "the Cuban revolution: problems and prospects," which includes a two-week visit to

Cuba. The course had been taught by Aviva Chomsky, daughter of the MIT Thersites, until she left Bates, as the dean explained to me, for a more "working-class" school. At my talk that evening, I couldn't resist making the

point that the Cuban revolution had no prospects.

Since I had a whole day available, I decided to sit in on one of Bates' political science courses to check my impressions about the state of the contemporary university. I asked students for directions to the building in which political science courses were taught, and went to the office on the ground floor. None of the administrators seemed to have a problem with my auditing a class, so I approached a professor as she was entering her classroom and asked permission to attend.

She was a woman in her 30s who looked Indian and spoke with a British accent, and she seemed pleased at the prospect of having an adult in her audience. All through the class hour she smiled at me and talked in my direction, and even encouraged me to answer a question when the rest of the class could not. In the college courses I had attended at Columbia some 40 years ago, there was rarely an "official" text for the course, and if there were one, my professors seldom referred to it. The real "text" for the course was the professor's lecture notes, and we were expected to read several books, usually by leading contributors to the subject and usually with strongly differing views. A political science course devoted to modern industrial societies, as this one was, might have had texts by Weber, Marx, Durkheim, Tonnies and Hayek, for example.

In this course, however, there was a single 600-page text called "Modernity," edited by the well-known English new leftist

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*Now, every term
of [university]
is under siege
by academic
postmodernists and
deconstructionists,
who themselves
are the academic
establishment and
have redefined
its mission as
"an institution
dedicated to social
change."*

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Short term Bar-B-Qs,
Softball, and
Sunshine.



Beef, a conspicuous lack of playing talent, and fairly
naked people. Enough said.

Assassin gets
the axe



God forbid someone have the outrageous license to carry
a water gun around. Dangerous people those water gun-
toting folks.

Den Terrace



What if we threw a party, complete with segregated
drinking and non-drinking sections, and almost everyone
DIDN'T come!

Cinco de Mayo



Ever sensitive to our southern neighbors, Batsies choose
to celebrate Mexican independence with a liberal display
of ... well, getting cocked off their asses.

Editorial

The dangerous margin

In the wake of the Littleton tragedy, a second terrible injustice began brewing that few in mainstream media circles have yet to pick up on. In on-line forums all over the internet stories of injustice poured forth from high schoolers who had been profiled as 'in trouble,' 'marginal,' or 'put bluntly by one school administrator, 'suspect.' Sent home and ordered to counseling for nothing more than openly admitting that they play certain video games or for wearing trenchcoats, some of America's kids got their newest installment of being stereotyped. Never mind that we already package each of them into neat packages of image (jock, preppy, punk, goth, and on and on), now some of them also get to be feared unilaterally.

In one example, a student writer for his high school paper, writing a piece that included a very limited statement of understanding the rage the Littleton killers may have experienced in school was immediately suspended for three days. The piece was quashed, even though he clearly stated he didn't agree with the violence of the tragedy, and he was told to set up set of appointments with the school guidance center. Similar stories are still flooding on-line chat rooms and bulletin boards as school administrators attempt to address concerns of liability to look responsive in the aftermath of Littleton.

Any culture of fear has a tendency to infringe on human and civil rights in an effort to address concerns about security. There are few things we accord more emotion and protectiveness with than children. For that reason, we, as a nation and a culture, are vulnerable to attack through our kids. They become instant targets. But the end result isn't just the murder of a few children; it's also the surrender of dignity that makes things like going to school worthwhile.

Are we really so paralyzed by the fear of two violent teens that we're willing to sacrifice fairness, equality, and open-mindedness through measures that may not solve any of the underlying issues that drive kids to steal their parent's guns and shoot people? The message has to be sent out that fearing a goth student for the black leather they wear is nothing more than responding to fear with ignorance and stereotyping. School administrators, PTAs and local leaders must be reminded that unilateral profiling doesn't solve violence, it simply fosters division and anger. Reinforce after school programs, properly fund and staff guidance centers, institute faculty mentorship, and get interested in kids lives, instead of pushing them away as 'suspect.'

Pointing the Finger

By TEHANI SCHNEIDER
Massachusetts Daily Collegian (U.
Massachusetts-Amherst)

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — Does life imitate art? Movies, music and games are blamed for the shootings in Colorado, but what happened at Columbine High was a tragedy, an unspeakable horror, an unearthly glimpse into hell. And it was not Marilyn Manson's fault. Nor was it caused by the German metal/hate/industrial noise band Rammstein, Leonardo DiCaprio's dream sequence in *The Basketball Diaries*, or even the ultraviolet video game, "Doom." Cable news channels and network news programs are currently filling hours of programming time with the "violent movies/music/TV shows/Internet sites scapegoat" argument in special reports with names like "Killing at Columbine High: The Day After" ("Dateline") and "High School Terror" ("20/20"). It's no surprise.

We are, by nature, afraid of things we can't control. When something inexplicable like Columbine ambushes us, our natural response is to talk about it — cover it so thoroughly with theories and explanations and blame that it can't leap out at us again.

But does pointing the finger at video games and violent movies ever work? Does it ever stop kids from blowing each other away? No, not after Pearl, Miss. Not after West Paducah, Ky. Not after Springfield, Ore., or after Fayetteville, Tenn. After each of those incidents, we wailed, wept and decried the corrupting influence of the entertainment industry. And nothing changed. You know why? Because while violent/gory/sexual graphic images can certainly affect us or desensitize us after repeated viewings so that it takes more and more to shock us — they do not, can not, create dangerous urges in people who don't already possess those urges inside them. A healthy and well adjusted individual who watches "Natural Born Killers" over and over — as Eric Harris and Dylan

Klebold reportedly did — is not going to suddenly feel the need to commit a murderous act.

Movies, as much as we idolize them, simply don't have that power. I'm not trying to let Hollywood off the hook. I truly believe that a diet of violent, death-obsessed video games, music and movies definitely exacerbates and inflames the antisocial, nihilistic, and even murderous emotions of kids who are mentally disturbed. It is irresponsible for entertainment aimed at kids to glorify, glamorize or diminish the impact of guns, violence, sex, etc., because there's always the chance that an unstable kid will somehow extract and act on the wrong message.

But what makes more sense, abolishing all forms of entertainment that may negatively influence vulnerable teens, or working harder to identify those individuals who are depressed, angry, and in need of help? Hundreds of thousands of kids across the nation play "Doom," only two of them went on a shooting rampage at Columbine High. Is vilifying these forms of entertainment really the answer?

For the "Datelines" and "20/20's" of the world, the answer is yes. There's only so much footage of weeping kids and

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bloody victims available to pack into an hour? long news show; blaming Marilyn Manson's music means you can slap a 15? second clip of the shock? rocker in concert on the screen. Condemning "The Basketball Diaries" is even better — that allows producers to include an image of one of the world's hottest young movie stars, Leonardo DiCaprio, in their broadcast. It fills time and it looks provocative. And even more important, it feels good to place blame. But it doesn't get us any closer to understanding this horrific tragedy. Maybe nothing will. There was nothing those two kids might have experienced or been influenced by in their lifetimes that equaled the devastation of a community. One Columbine student, when asked why this happened, just shook his head: "There is no why."

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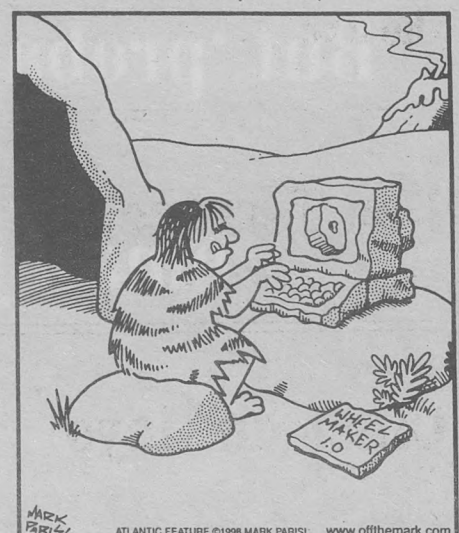
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Think your right to abortion is safe here in Maine?

Potentially unconstitutional, the "partial birth" abortion referendum seeks to curtail a woman's right this November

By JOHN CONNORS
Forum Editor

Right now the right for a woman to have an abortion in Maine is being challenged. Following the same legislative path that the Maine Christian Civic League used to successfully strike down a gay and lesbian civil rights initiative in 1998 (Question One), conservative pro-life advocates have gathered and submitted more than double the number of signatures necessary to force a special 'people's referendum' on what has been termed "partial birth" abortions.

The result of this successful referendum petition is that Maine voters will be asked in November of this year to consider, among other issues on the ballot, the following question; "Do you want to ban a specific abortion procedure to be defined in law, except in cases where the life of the mother is in danger?"

THE PRESENT LAW

Based primarily on the opinion with *Roe v. Wade*, The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a woman may not be required to risk her health to save a fetus. Therefore, a woman and her physician must be free to choose the abortion technique that is safest for the woman. Such is the law that stands today as the basis for abortion as a constitutionally protected right.

But since 1995 a new strategy has been used by pro-life advocates, like the Maine Right to Life Committee, to restrict abortion and either skirt or (depending on your legal interpretation) contradict the *Roe* opinion. Pro-life forces used to openly embrace a platform that criminalized and banned abortion techniques entirely as the only responsible legislative avenue. But now pro-life forces have started challenging single abortion techniques in an attempt to whittle away at the law with 'wedge' issues that prove themselves at voting polls. Legislation nearly identical to this partial birth abortion referendum introduced directly by Maine state representatives (most recently in 1997) had previously been defeated without even getting to the Governor.

The precedent for these new laws started being established in 1995, when bills were introduced in the Ohio state legislature and in the U. S. Congress to ban a specific surgical method of late abortion called intact dilatation and extraction (D&X); pro-life opponents dubbed the procedure "partial-birth" abortion. The Ohio statute (which required the physician to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that any other method of abortion would increase the risk to the woman's health) was later struck down as unconstitutional in 1996.

Nevertheless, since 1995, in an unprec-

edented legal groundswell, 28 states have passed laws banning either "partial-birth" abortion or "dilation and extraction" abortion. In 25 of those states, the bans apply throughout pregnancy-even if the fetus is not viable. And yet in almost *all* of those states injunctions have been leveled against the statutes that strike them down as completely unconstitutional.

HOW BIG AN ISSUE IS THIS?

Maine law already bans abortions after what's called "viability." A fetus is viable when it reaches an "anatomical threshold" when critical organs, such as the lungs and kidneys, can sustain independent life. Until the air sacs are mature enough to permit gases to pass into and out of the bloodstream, which is extremely unlikely until at least 23 weeks gestation (from last menstrual period), a fetus can be legally aborted. But after that point, save situations where the mother's life is endangered, abortion is illegal.

Abortions after fetal viability are extremely rare anyway. In fact, nine in 10 of the 1.6 million abortions in the U.S. each year take place during the first trimester of pregnancy. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute (a non-profit research institute that focuses on reproductive issues) 88 percent of abortions occur in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, only 4 percent occur past the 15th week, and less than 1 percent are performed after 20 weeks.

Only 100 to 200 abortions-or one one-hundredth of 1 percent-are performed after 24 weeks (which is when a dilation-extraction or partial birth abortion would take place.) According to Planned Parenthood of Maine, this law appears to be working since only two third trimester abortions have been performed in Maine in the last 14 years.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

What's confusing is whether or not this new pro-life strategy is gaining meaningful ground for pro-life forces. The courts have

ruled repeatedly that bans on so-called "partial-birth" abortion are unconstitutional or are likely to be found unconstitutional on several grounds. The first issue the courts have found with these statutes is that the language of the laws is vague and broad; second, the bans unduly burden women's access to abortion; third, they force women to have less safe abortions; and fourth, they fail to include a 'health' exception for an abortion(which was a key element within *Roe*). Surprisingly, the only difference between the text of present abortion law and that of the new statute is merely the word

'health.' By including 'health,' a law regarding abortion is open to interpretation that defends almost all abortions as the right of a woman.

But without it there's a world of difference since the only legal reason left for an abortion under that wording is to preserve the mother's life. Bans on so-called "partial-birth" abortions are therefore also unconstitutional because they compromise the health of pregnant women who choose to terminate their pregnancies. Courts have ruled that bans on "partial-birth" abortion are vague for two reasons. First, while these laws purport to ban a single kind of abor-

tion procedure they instead define what is banned so broadly that almost every kind of abortion procedure is potentially outlawed. In other words this is badly tailored legislation that (suspiciously) serves to threaten not only late term abortions, but even the most common of abortion procedures at any point during the pregnancy.

Second, courts have found that some of the terms used to define the banned procedures are unclear and do not give adequate notice of what conduct they make criminal. Doctors who are subject to such laws must know what is and isn't illegal lest they inadvertently perform an illegal abortion. Under the new statute performing such an abortion would be a class D crime, and doctors would be liable for civil damages as well.

THE PRO-CHOICE RESPONSE

Pro-choice advocates are very suspicious of this new strategy and the way it's been presented to voters. Firstly, they challenge the very title of the abortion procedure. "Partial birth" conjures images in people's minds of a fully formed child being torn from a woman's womb. That may not be a reasonable way to look at it. What pro-choice advocates have repeatedly emphasized is that the tissue at that stage in the womb of a woman isn't a fully formed child. Yet in the overtly graphic depictions that pro-life advocates use to illustrate their point it is a fully formed child being grasped and removed violently from the mother.

The other point that pro-choice advocates argue deserves real consideration by voters is the issue of precedence. By strictly banning abortion in such a vague way, the average voter may think that abortion rights aren't broadly threatened by this law. But what the Supreme Court and other state courts have already recognized is that isn't the case. This vague wording really *does* throw into illegitimacy all abortion procedures because of its tailoring.

It's very questionable what the result of this newest challenge to abortions rights will ultimately have. The statute is being used by pro-life advocates to unreasonably form a platform from which to launch an attack upon a much larger scope of women's rights. Rhetorically, partial birth abortion ban advocates may sound as if they're offering a middle ground on abortion rights, when in fact it fundamentally challenges all abortion procedures. It's also questionable to assert that Maine needs a referendum on this issue. We already have a law covering fundamentally the same restrictions and efforts to expand that law have been repeatedly defeated in the state legislature already.

What I particularly object to is the sneakiness of this attempt. It is not a reasonable and honest way to reexamine this law. Voters are essentially being misled about what the referendum means for rights in the future. That speaks of a dishonest attempt to convince the electorate and to slip one past us all regarding women's rights. On a topic of such passionate difference and partisanship it's not surprising that unconventional and questionable democratic methods are being used to make headway legally. What is surprising is the brazen unconstitutionality of the attempt. Why write a law that will (probably) get struck down quickly soon after having been passed? Maybe for publicity, maybe for principle, maybe for the sake of using any means necessary pro-life advocates will be asking a slightly misled electorate an important question defining safe, legal abortions for women in Maine next November.

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No, your opinion probably won't knock 'em dead.
But 'probably' has a whole lot of potential in it,
doesn't it?

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Reflections from four years; reminders, memories and wisdom

By CARRIE DELEON
Penn State Collegian

(U-WIRE) [Carrie DeLeon is a graduating senior majoring in journalism and political science and for the past year was the Collegian's opinion editor.]

I began my senior farewell column with a section from one of the most inspirational songs I have ever heard. For some reason, whenever something has gone wrong this song has served as a reminder that no matter what happens, everything will be OK. You will survive; somehow we all do.

College is one huge learning experience. Some of it occurs in the classroom, but most of it occurs outside the classroom. You learn more about yourself than you ever thought possible.

Please excuse my clichés, but after four years in this place I have a lot of insights I would like to share. Take with you what you want, just listen to what I am saying and apply it to your own life.

As I approach entrance into the real world, I know I can say I had fun while it lasted. That's the most important thing. Why do it if it's not fun? Learn to incorporate fun into your daily activities. It is possible to take classes that are fun. Don't waste your time taking classes you are not interested in, but at the same time take a class you know nothing about. After all, learning is the ultimate goal.

Has anyone ever told you "college is the best years of your life?" That's impossible. Every year is the best year of your life. Every day, month, year is what you make of it. Just re-

member to make it fun. It's true college goes by way too quickly. In fact, year has passed quicker than the last. I have no idea where this last semester went.

"I get by with a little help from my friends. Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends."—John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Be true to your friends, someday you will need them and they will need you. During college you really learn to depend on other people because you are given no other option. You also learn to listen to your friends' problems, and, in turn, that makes you a stronger person.

I have never had so many friends as I did the first semester of my freshman year; some of those friendships have even lasted. Those friendships that have stayed strong through-

out four years have withstood so much that I am confident they will last forever. I value all the amazing friends I have met here and spent most of my time with especially, Zorianna, Kelly, Christelle and Ann.

Others become your close friends when you're not looking, such as the case with the meaningful relationships I have gained with fellow Collegian staffers, especially Bridgette, Patti, Krista and Molly. I have never spent so much time with one group of people and actually enjoyed it. But, when it all comes down to it, I have learned that the friends you can count on the most are your parents. These important people go from being the bane of your existence in high school to being the people who seem solve your problems. And there are those times in college you will really need such a constant in your life. Thanks, Mom and Dad.

Horowitz criticizes indoctrination of college students

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Stuart Hall. Like Hall, every contributor to the text was a Marxist. There was no lecture, and no real contribution from the teacher, who merely guided students page by page and paragraph by paragraph through the text at hand. It resembled a science course, based on an accepted body of knowledge, where a single class text is the norm.

Except that this norm was the discredited intellectual tradition of Marxism. I looked over at the text of the student next to me and asked what the acronym ACS standing up out of the page stood for. She said "advanced capitalist society." I noticed another acronym, MIBTC, and was told it stood for "military industrial bureaucratic technocratic complex." The teacher was admonishing the students to pay attention to the main points in the authors' arguments and to take note of the way they grounded them -- whether in authorities or facts. Then she had the class break up into small groups, each of which was to apply this technique to a different section of the text and to assess whether the author of that section satisfactorily proved his point.

My group was assigned a little section on "American militarism." The question put by the text was whether militarism emerged out of the capitalist economic structures of ACSs, or whether once it emerged it became systemic. There was no question of whether American society (where, to the non-ideological, the military appears firmly under civilian control) can reasonably be described as "militarist." One young woman in my group wondered aloud whether the author had proved there was an MIBTC by pointing out that cell phones made by AT&T were used by the army in the Gulf War. (I assured her he had not.)

Subsequently I bought "Modernity" from Amazon.com and checked that the passage was typical rather than exceptional. The viewpoints in the text ranged from classical Marxism to feminist Marxism to postmodernist Marxism. There were no countervailing views introduced except to be refuted. There were plenty of discussions of obscure Marxists like Nicholas Poulantzas, who wrote a book on the "ruling class" in the 1960s before jumping out a window at age 29. But in the book's index there was not a single reference to, for example, the name Hayek.

After the class, I went up to the teacher and said that while I admired her pedagogy in advising the students that she wasn't there to tell them what to think but to teach them how to think, I thought that by assigning an ideological Marxist tome as the course's only text, she was working at cross-purposes with that goal. The smile disappeared from her face as she said: "Well, they get the other side from the newspapers." This education was costing the students' parents \$30,000 a year in tuition alone.

This was not to be the end of my auditing adventure in the contemporary acad-

emy. Afterwards, the lecturer phoned a complaint in to the dean. He called me in my apartment to tell me I should have gone through his office if I wanted to sit in on a class. I explained the circumstances that had led me to the class, the encouragement of the departmental administrators, the pleasure with which the lecturer herself had welcomed me and the reason for her change of heart.

But all to no avail. Obviously she had given him a hard time, and there was no way he was going to sympathize with my perspective on what had happened. The intimidation of the dean was of a piece with the later intimidation over the ad and with the criticism he had received for inviting me at all. It served a purpose, and served it effectively: to minimize the contact that professors and students might risk with conservatives like me.

That was no doubt why the little reception with faculty that he had arranged for me before my talk was confined to the handful of older professors at Bates who shared my views, or at least were not ideologically repelled by them. I admired the courage of these professors to even attend my event, while cognizant of the fact that even in the darkest days of the McCarthy Era, Communist faculty were not so threatened with ostracism by their peers, as politically incorrect academics are today by the reflexive McCarthyism of the tenured left.

I gave my speech to about 60 students, among whom seven or eight formed a very unhappy contingent of campus leftists. Had I not been officially invited by the dean, it is more than likely that even these few would not have been there.

I spoke about the religious ideas that had led to the destruction of 100 million people in our century, people who had been killed by progressive missionaries in order to realize their impossible dream. Revolutionary leftists were modern Manichaeans who believed that the world was ruled by alien (and evil) powers. Even democracies were not free societies but were dominated by these powers, which Marx called "ruling classes" against whom all those who believed in social justice were at war. Even though these Marxist fantasies had led to unprec-

edented ruin for all the societies that eventually came under their sway, their currency was evident throughout the curriculum. Now the alien powers were called the "patriarchy" or the "white male oligarchy," or more obliquely "institutional racism," but they were just as fantastic, while belief in them inspired passions potentially as destructive as the passions of classical Marxists. No one, I said, was oppressed in America (except perhaps children by their abusive parents). To even suggest as much was to enter the realm of the absurd.

I give the leftist students credit for waiting until the end of my talk to vent their outrage over the blasphemies I had uttered. One young woman got so emotional she de-

cided to leave the building to save herself from further contamination. Another young woman stood up and, with a tremendous urgency, sputtered, "But what about the hierarchies? You didn't mention the hierarchies!"

She was referring of course to the hierarchies of race, gender and class that were the staples of her Bates education and that were alleged by her politicized professors to oppress people of color, women and, of course, wage-slaves in America. In 1999 America! Of course I had indeed mentioned the hierarchies (though not by name) and said they were left-wing illusions, no more substantial than the

idea that somewhere behind the Hale-Bopp comet a spaceship was waiting to take the enlightened to heaven. So I tried another tack.

"Let me ask you this question," I said. "Where do you put Oprah Winfrey in your hierarchies?" Oprah Winfrey of course was at the bottom of any oppressive hierarchy conceived by leftists, as a woman born in Mississippi to a black sharecropper, who had been sexually abused. But Oprah had risen by dint of her own intelligence, effort and talent to become a mother-confessor and authority figure to millions of people until the fortune she amassed cast her among the super-rich of America's ruling class.

"She's a token," the young woman said.

"Sorry, she's not a token," I replied. "Cornel West is a token."

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I had chosen among many examples a middling intellect whose skin color had catapulted him into academic stardom at Harvard. Derrick Bell is another. Cornel West is a token, because the university is a feudal institution, run somewhat like the Communist Party, where the elect raise people up to the heights by exercising the same kind of arbitrary *droit du seigneur* that was the privilege of rulers in pre-democratic and pre-capitalist times.

There was no tenure committee or central committee, or monied aristocracy, however, to lift Oprah out of the societal mud. To say, for example to Phil Donahue, "Move over Phil, we need a person of color to put in prime time for diversity's sake." The power accumulated by Oprah Winfrey refutes every cliché of the political left. Her psychological power over her mainly white audience has made her the first individual in history to be able by fiat to create a bestseller and the millions in revenues that go with it. She is a filmmaking industry in herself. She has well-behaved. This was unusual, in my experience. The norm approaches a kind of intellectual fascism that makes any dissenting discourse improbable, and often impossible. When I spoke at the University of St. Thomas in Houston on the same trip, and got to the line "Nobody is oppressed in America," one African-American student stood up and began ranting in my direction, "You're a fascist! I can't listen to this anymore." Then he thrust his hand into the air in a Nazi salute, shouted, "Seig Heil" and walked out.

My experiences at these pricey liberal arts colleges was perhaps best captured in an e-mail exchange with a professor at Smith, with whom I argued over the students' rights to hear conservative viewpoints. "I would gladly crush you in a debate on students' so-called right not to be ideologically indoctrinated in the classroom," wrote Smith professor E.C. Graf. "Your phrase 'students' academic freedom' is already a laughable oxymoron, as if students ever had such a thing or ever should. As for admitting that I 'indoctrinate' my students instead of teaching them, tell me my friend, when has there ever been a difference?"

These kinds of encounters demonstrated to me what has changed since my student days. Then, the censors who attacked the university did so from without. Today, the censors are entrenched inside as members of the faculties and the administrations themselves.

Then, the university defined itself as an institution "dedicated to the disinterested pursuit of knowledge." Now every term of that definition is under siege by academic postmodernists and deconstructionists, who themselves are the academic establishment and have redefined its mission as "an institution dedicated to social change."

Well, that type of institution should be called a political party, not a university. No wonder the academy is in such bad shape.

Sleater-Kinney's Hot Rock sparkles in indie-rock scene

By JENNIFER MOORE
(Staff Writer)

Yet another Kill Rock Stars artist is poised for more than just the adulation of the underground- first Elliot Smith, now Sleater-Kinney has put forth an album begging for you to sit up and take notice.

If *Dig Me Out*, their last album, was the crown jewel of the pop-punk genre, then *The Hot Rock* shows off the facets and sparkles. I hesitate to use the dreaded phrase "they've matured," but the subtle nuances and the more realized pop song-crafting prove that these women have come far from their riot-grrrl beginnings.

While in their teens, Carrie Brownstein and Corin Tucker formed bands- Excuse 17 and Heavens to Betsy- whose raw punk edge and political views set the stage for their future sound.

Sleater-Kinney's 1995 self-titled debut was fueled by pure power and, to a degree, anger; though their issues about feminism tend to be interpreted as male bashing on this record. Critical accolades began pouring in with *Call the Doctor*, which fulfilled their promise of creating a solid album of melodic punk. However, a year later *Dig Me Out* was acclaimed as a stunning effort, not

only among those in the indie community but also in the mainstream press.

Sleater-Kinney's latest album, *The Hot Rocks*, is not only a culmination of what they already accomplished, but also a wide open door into new territory. While not deviating

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from their established sound, they have created songs that offer the listener more.

Sleater-Kinney's secret weapon is the interplay of vocals. Carrie's sweet vocals are used more often, highlighting the intensity of Corin's voice when it is deployed. This interplay also creates interesting contrasts when they weave different melody lines together, which they do in nearly every song, most notably on the title track and "Burn Don't Freeze."

The first single, "Get Up," is the closest to a sheer pop song that the band has ever come, and they are incredibly successful at it. The accompanying video will no doubt raise more public awareness of this

phenomenal band, that is, if the glowing reviews and interviews don't have the impact that they should.

In all, *The Hot Rocks* is one of the best releases of the year thus far, which doesn't

come as a surprise to those of us who have followed the band for any length of time. Sleater-Kinney is currently on tour, and they put on a fantastic live show. If you get the opportunity to see them, don't miss it!



Reinhold Messner mystery resolved

Ben Folds Five waltzes into a paradox of the wacky and the grim

By DAVE BRUSIE
(Staff Writer)

Three questions come to mind upon first hearing *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner*, the new album from trio Ben Folds Five.

- 1) Who is Reinhold Messner?
- 2) Why did the group decide on such a different, mellow sound?
- 3) Why the hell is Burt Bacharach so popular again?

The answers:

- 1) A famous mountaineer.
- 2) They're growing up.
- 3) I'm not sure, but I blame Austin Powers.

Perhaps 'blame' is the wrong word, however, because Bacharach's legacy of sweetened and catchy pop is a boon to Messner and, for that matter, Ben Folds Five in general.

Just take a listen to those horns in songs like "Don't Change Your Plans" and "Army," and you're sure you're back in the days when songs like "Raindrops Are Falling On My Head" were on the charts. Luckily, the horns fit like a glove, as do most of the songs on the album.

A much mellower affair than their last two outings (1997's *Whatever and Ever Amen* and 1995's self-titled debut), *Reinhold Messner* opens with a seemingly quiet waltz. "Narcolepsy" seems to be ballroom material, until it crashes into chaos halfway through, accompanying perfectly the lyrics about sleeping in order to avoid feeling pain and rejection. A perfect beginning to an album that is both graceful and rough; serious and playful.

Reinhold Messner actually seems to be set up that way- moody, angsty songs in the first half, and faster, sillier ones finishing up the set. The gorgeous "Don't Change Your Plans" comes after "Narcolepsy," and "Mess" directly after that- both, assumedly, songs of

love gone wrong. Not necessarily new turf for Ben Folds Five, but it receives more serious treatment here than it has in the past. (Anyone else remember the absurdly hilarious "Give me my money back, you bitch" from *Whatever And Ever Amen*'s "Song For the Dumped"?) Ben Folds, ladies and gentlemen, has grown up.

Kind of.

We can't forget the other side of Reinhold Messner, the songs like "Your

last night dance by the light of the moon/stars in your eyes/free from the life that you knew." "Mess," too, tugs at the heartstring with romantic lyrics like "Things got complicated/ my innocence has all but faded/oh, this mess I have made." As bassist Robert Sledge said to Folds in a recent Spin Magazine interview, "I'll bet Jewel's going to want to make out with you when she hears this record." A fair prediction.

The aforementioned faster tunes also



Darren Jessee, Ben Folds, and Robert Sledge of Ben Folds Five examine their music-massaging hands

Redneck Past," which asks, "Who do you want to be, Billy Idol or Kool Moe Dee?"

Who, indeed, Jim Croce or Captain Kangaroo? The paradox of serious against wacky is only a problem in terms of the album's layout- it seems to go from grim to zany in large, planned chunks. In terms of strictly the content, however, Folds and company do just fine. The sadness this time around is not only personable, but painstakingly pretty.

Drummer Darren Jessee shows up for the first time as songwriter, with "Magic," a beautiful ballad boasting lines like, "Saw you

take flight successfully, mostly in the case of "Army," the first single. The song is possibly successful because it juggles both seriousness and foolishness, the mixture being something Reinhold Messner could have used more of. Similarly, the closer "Lullabye" is both bluesy and elegant, like Billy Joel at his best. Just like "Army," the song balances humor, sweetness and sincerity perfectly.

The lyrics are a bit confusing, however: "The rain had me chilled to the bones/just the three of us took flight that night, Uncle Richard, me and James Earl Jones." We'll just assume, or hope, that he's referring to a

dream.

Other quick-paced songs like "Your Redneck Past," fall a little flat, mostly from being uninteresting. Same goes for "Your Most Valuable Possession," during which the group performs funkily over an answering machine message of Folds's father: I hand it to the boys for being inventive and creative, but that's about it.

And what about this Messner fellow? How does he fit into the mishmash of euphoria and depression?

"Maybe we liked the name because it had an exotic ring," explains the liner notes. "Maybe we had been aware of the name subliminally; or maybe it was the energy behind a name responsible for some of the world's most incredible feats of mountaineering, and a global legion of inspired followers..."

Ah, Mr. Folds. What are you on?

Well, whatever it is, it's working just fine. While *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner* isn't the unified work that *Whatever And Ever Amen* was, it still provides evidence that Ben Folds Five is the most daring and talented band around today; not afraid of possible cliché, not apologetic about their silliness. Reinhold Messner is an emotional jumble, but an enjoyable one that convinces us that Ben Folds Five has nowhere to go but up. They continue to grow, musically and lyrically, and their most recent effort is a fine, if slightly inconsistent, example. Even Jewel would be proud.

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Crazy English dazzles

By SEAN DOHERTY
Staff Writer

Question(1): Does hippophobia mean the fear of (a) hippos, (b) horses, (c) getting fat, or (d) hippies?

Brilliant and humorous, linguist Richard Lederer answers this question (read on) and many more in the delightful and instructive book, *Crazy English*. With razor wit and insightful observation Lederer answers many of our confused questions about the English language and exposes malapropisms that we use everyday without giving our speech a second thought.

The plural of tooth is teeth, so then the plural of booth must be beet, right? Why can a woman man a station, but a man can't woman one? How is it that a slim chance and a fat chance mean the same while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? Tie and untie are opposites, so why do loosen and unloosen mean the same?

Providing the answers to these questions is possibly an impossible task. Rather than answer them, which would turn this book into a dull, analytic linguistic piece, Lederer presents these questions in a humorous light and makes you think about what you're saying.

When you say "I could care less," what you mean to say is "I couldn't care less." If your idea "fell in between the cracks," didn't it just land smack on the concrete? Perhaps it fell in the cracks. When we are told to keep a stiff upper lip, it is the lower lip we try to keep from quivering.

Signs everywhere read "Watch your head." Lederer remarks with sagacious wit, "I keep seeing this sign on low doorways, but I haven't figured out how to follow the instructions. Trying to watch your head is like trying to bite your teeth."

Question(2): Does the word 'clip' mean (a) to fasten or (b) to separate?

Apart from dealing with such confusable English, Lederer includes chapters on oxymorons (good grief!), incredibly long words (the winner has 1913 letters, yes, it is spelled out in full), phobias, and an entire dialogue written in palindromes with the fictitious 'Doctor Rotcod.'

In the section "Figuratively Speaking," you can nibble on food references, and feast your eyes on food-filled phrases. But don't bite off more than you can chew, if that's not your cup of tea.

Holy cow! There's also a chapter devoted to animal idioms. You won't feel like fish out of water, you just need the cat's curiosity and you will be laughing like a hyena.

Good puns are a bear of a task, but if they get your goat you can read on to the final chapters- phonetics, alliteration, rhyme, anagrams, and what Lederer calls "Unmechanical English." These sections are often dialogues with fictitious characters who use their own linguistic logic. The dialogue "Foxen in the Henhice" shows the irregularities in pluralizing English words. One ox, two oxen. So one fox, two foxen? Not exactly.

It may seem like a lot to swallow, but *Crazy English* is infinitely entertaining. It is a rare book in that it is instructional and also a laugh-a-minute. Chock full of wit and clever illustrations, it is absolute perfect bedside reading- or a welcome change of pace from infinitely dull textbooks. Whether you're a lexicaphicist, verbivore, or just like the rest of us, *Crazy English* will make you smile and think.

Oh and by the by, hippophobia is the fear of horses. I can also ask you to clip a coupon from the newspaper and clip a coupon to the newspaper, so 'clip' means both to fasten and to separate. What beautiful Janus-faced English!

Green thumbs up to Bates dining services

LEWISTON— Bates College dining services will be recognized for best practices that encourage environmental sustainability by the National Awards Council for Environmental Sustainability and the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Bates College dining services will be honored at the inaugural National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America, to be convened Monday, May 3 in Detroit, Michigan, and co-sponsored by the President's Council on Sustainable Development and the Global Environment and Technology Foundation.

In 1997-98, Bates dining services composted more than 233,000 pounds of pre-consumer organic waste, including chlorine-free napkins, fruit and vegetable matter, coffee grinds and egg shells. Approximately 50,000 pounds of pre-consumer waste was sent to a local

farmer who composted the matter and returned the finished product for use on college grounds. Unused portions of food at Bates are donated to two area homeless shelters, and dining services reduces water consumption by not using sink-based garbage-disposal units.

"We take great pride in our environmental achievements through the efforts of all those working in dining services," said Robert Volpi, director of dining services at Bates, "This accomplishment has proven that environmental sustainability is achievable within a college campus."

Bates dining services also has been recognized in *Greening the Ivory Tower*, (MIT Press, 1998) a book by Sarah Hammond Creighton on best environmental practices among colleges, universities and other institutions.

"These awards celebrate the ways in which Americans are working together to protect public health and the environment and to demonstrate that a healthy environment and a growing economy really do go hand-in-hand," said Carol Browner, an administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and co-chair of the National

Town Meeting for a Sustainable America.

Attending the May 3rd awards ceremony will be Volpi, James Carignan, dean of Bates College; William Hiss, vice-president for administrative affairs; Maria Libby, environmental coordinator; and Roy Bernard, manager of sanitation and safety in dining services.

"The award winners are the unsung heroes changing the shape of their communities and our nation," said Martin Spitzer, executive director of the President's Council on Sustainable Development. "It is fitting to celebrate their ingenuity and commitment at the National Town Meeting, which is dedicated to promoting how people can work together to create livable communities and a healthy environment."

The National Awards Council for Environmental Sustainability comprises 60

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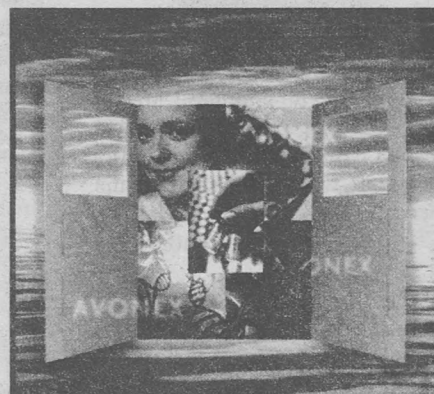
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Women's Lax wraps season, Wheaton in 16-3 home finale

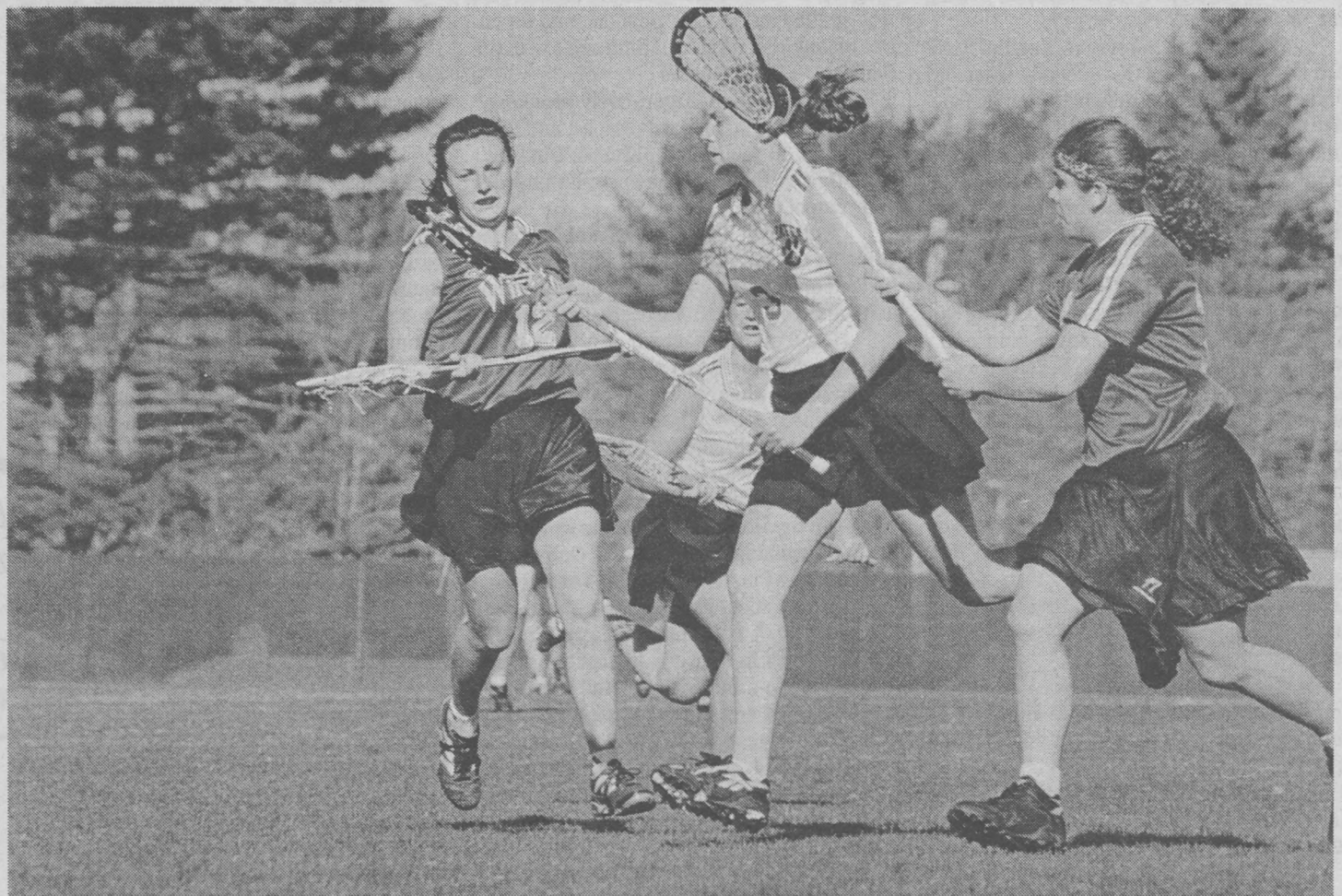
By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Wynn Hohlt's inaugural season as women's lacrosse coach at Bates ended last week with a 16-3 home field drubbing of Wheaton and a 12-11 nail-biting loss at Babson. Hohlt guided the Bobcats through a highly competitive schedule and helped them emerge with a respectable 6-8 record.

"It was a good first season, but I would have liked to make the ECAC tourney," said Hohlt. "I had hoped to pull an upset or two this season, but while it didn't go as I had hoped it still went quite well. As crazy as the spring season is and as exhausting as it is, I'm sorry to see it end."

It ended perhaps just a couple of minutes too soon for Bates, which had to scamper with eight minutes remaining to catch up with Babson's 10-6 lead. Bates brought it to 11-10 with just 1:25 remaining, but the Beavers netted one just ten seconds later and escaped with a narrow win. Fortunately for Babson, the Bobcats were uncharacteristically slow to rile in this game. However, senior midfielders Julie Lundman and Suzie Arnold were strong throughout, as each recorded three goals and one assist in their final game as Bates Bobcats. Senior goalie Cil Bloomfield bid adieu to her nets with a nine-save performance between the pipes.

Against Wheaton in the home finale several days earlier, Bloomfield was stalwart in net with another nine-save effort that included a shutout in the final 37 minutes. The Bates defense, led by seniors Molly McMahon and Wendy Zimmerman, also deserves a piece of the pie for smothering the Lyons offense. Wheaton actually got on the board first, but senior attacker Abby Fierman evened it five minutes into the game. Thirty seconds later, sophomore midfielder Erin Flynn kicked off a season-high six-goal performance to give Bates the lead for good. Classmate Jen Sall racked up a pair of goals to go with three helpers as Lundman and



Bates had little trouble fighting their way through Wheaton's defense.

Asad Butt photo.

Arnold enjoyed scoring for one last time in front of the Bates fandom.

With seven seniors on their roster, this team will feel the impact on May 31, but one need only glance at the stats to see that this team will still be capable of putting up some lofty numbers next season. Bates stands to absorb the biggest hit on defense, with Zimmerman, McMahon and Amanda Schall leaving three sizable vacancies in the field as well as in the locker room. Look for Sarah

McGrath '01, the only remaining defensive starter, to grow into her position as the anchor of a new age defense in 2000. From an offensive standpoint, the return of top scorer Flynn (31 goals, 5 assists) and megatalented work-in-progress Liz Coulson (18 goals, 5 assists) should ease the pain from the loss of midfield quarterback Lundman (14 goals, 10 assists). First-year goalkeeper Jen Strahle split the duties this year with Bloomfield, but next year will be charged with tending net

for a full slate of games.

"I think that even with the big losses, we'll be strong next year," said Hohlt. "There's a core of young, talented players who were able to get some good game experience this season. I also believe we showed a lot of growth this year in terms of what the expectations are for this team - to be good is not good enough - you have to want to be the best and push yourself and your teammates to reach that next level."

Starting pitching keys sweep for baseball

By PAUL ZINN
Staff Writer

The Bobcat baseball team got two excellent starting pitching performances last Sunday, both of which proved very important in their doubleheader sweep of the University of Maine at Farmington. The Bobcats, behind the pitching of Drew Blicharz '00 and James Hanley '00, improved to 8-18 while the Beavers of Farmington dropped to 13-16. The starting pitching was key as it held UMF to a total of three runs in both games. Hanley said, "The pitching in the UMF doubleheader was important. We were able to throw strikes consistently and keep the UMF hitters off their balance. However, the most important part of the doubleheader was the defense played behind the pitching. Our fielders were able to make the plays and keep us in the game." Game One would see the Bobcats win 5-2. Bates would then conclude the doubleheader sweep with a 2-1 victory in game two.

Starting pitching has been one of the things this team has been looking for all year, and they have certainly gotten it at times but not like they got it on Sunday. In the process of throwing his third complete game of the year, Blicharz gave up just two earned runs on six hits. To top off the pitching performance, he added three strikeouts. On Blicharz's pitching performance, Coach Flynn said, "Drew pitched very well. He has been improving as the season has been progressing, and I am very pleased with his recent results."

In Game One, the offense came from

two different places. Sophomore Pat Collins touched base in all three of his at bats, and scored three of the five Bobcat runs. The Bobcats got one in the third and two in the fourth. However, the offensive highlight came in the sixth when junior leadoff hitter Austin Philbin hit a two run homer. Moreover, Philbin's first roundtripper of the season was an inside-the-park home run. The Beavers got their two runs in the top of the seventh, already trailing 5-0. The minimal UMF offense was paced by Jeff Bird, who was two for three with an RBI. The RBI came in the Beavers' last at bat, when they put two runs across. However, it was too little too late as the Bobcats wrapped up their seventh win of the year with a 5-2 victory.

Game Two featured pitching even more so than the first one. The only run starting pitcher James Hanley gave up came when Jeff Bird, who led off with a double, scored on a Mike Wilcox sacrifice fly. Hanley would work out of trouble many times during this one as he allowed nine hits. Flynn added, "Jim Hanley is proving that he can throw strikes and challenge the hitters he faces." The Bobcats got timely hitting in the fifth as Matt Pound '01 and Pat Collins hit back to back one out singles. Both came home, Pound on a single by Philbin and Collins on a sacrifice fly by Scott McAuliffe '99. Two of the nine Beaver hits came in the sixth, but Hanley worked out of the trouble. More trouble came in the seventh, however, as Bird and Bryan Cox would each hit one out singles. Coach Flynn chose to pull Hanley after Cox's hit and gave the ball to Kevin

Walsh '01. This turned out to be a very wise move as Walsh struck out the next two batters to record his first save of the year. Clutch pitching and hitting gave the 'Cats a 2-1 victory.

The Bobcats swept the UMF Beavers because they played good all around baseball. They got timely hits in both games. The offense was there when it was called upon, as everybody expected it to be all year. The defense was solid, committing two errors in Game One and zero in the second game. The biggest boost came from the pitching. Both games saw the Bobcats get some of the best starting pitching they have received all season, and Kevin Walsh successfully worked out of late-inning trouble for the save in Game Two. True, this team is only 8-18, but they

have showed signs of coming around lately, including doubleheader sweeps of both Endicott and UMF. This is a very young team that has a quite a promising future ahead of it. The one thing that will remain key in years to come is being able to play well consistently early in the season. As Flynn put it, "I attribute the turnaround of the team to the maturing of players. You have to be patient with players at times. They need game experience to build confidence. Sometimes the confidence variable takes longer for some. There are a lot of good athletes on the team. When they play together as a team and do all the things that they need to do, then they have a good chance to win some games."

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Todorov, Norton dominate doubles at CBB tourney

By NICK BOURNAKEL
Staff Writer

Milko Todorov and Greg Norton successfully defended their State of Maine doubles crown this past weekend at Bowdoin, with a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 victory over teammates Benjamin Lamanna and Sean Bilsborrow-Koo. For Koo, it would mark the end of a wonderful and successful career as a Bobcat, during which the senior from North Carolina earned many distinctions, including the highest winning percentage on the team during the 1998 campaign, as well as making the semifinals of the 1998 NESCAC tournament in singles.

Although the final doubles matchup was dominated by Bates, the road to it was anything but a family affair for the number one and number two Bobcat teams. Norton and Todorov overcame a slow start against the number one Bowdoin team in the semis, for a satisfying come-from-behind victory, winning 9-8, and 8-6 in the tiebreaker. Similarly, Lamanna and Bilsborrow-Koo earned their way into the final with a thrilling conquest of the number one tandem from Colby by a score of 9-8, taking the tiebreaker by a score of 7-4. In addition, the final match nearly went the distance, and was hotly contested throughout; in the second set, Lamanna and Bilsborrow-Koo sprinted out to a commanding lead before the experience of Todorov and Norton prevailed.

In the singles, Bates was well-represented despite the many injuries and absences characteristic of the entire 1999 season. As the number two seed in the singles draw, Greg Norton faced Colby's Jeff Nichols in the opening round, utilizing his all-court attack to take his first pro-set decisively at 8-2. In the next round, Norton faced the difficult challenge of playing the Bowdoin number four, Evan Klein, who had beaten him in their only previous meeting last season. Playing perhaps his most focused match of the year, Norton triumphed over Klein, 6-2, 6-3, exacting his revenge by consistently out rallying his opponent from the baseline. In his semi-final match, however, the Bates number one and team MVP was unable to recapture the previous day's level of play against Bowdoin's number three player, falling in two close sets, 7-6, 6-1.

First year singles standout Ben

Lamanna was impressive in his opening match over USM's Justin Lewis, but was befuddled by the unorthodox style of Bowdoin's Jeff Gilberg in the second round, falling 60, 6-0.

Also in singles play for the 'Cats, junior captain John Tucker exhibited the grit and determination that makes him one of the most tenacious players in Maine in reaching the second round of the tourney with an 8-3 victory over "Magic" Wand from Colby. In the second round, Tucker played evenly with the number one seed in the entire draw, before losing 6-4, 6-1 to Bowdoin's Schwartz.

Due to the injury to Milko Todorov, which enabled him to only participate in the doubles draw, Dave Carlson was given one of his only singles opportunities of the season, having recovered from a long illness which plagued him for most of the year. The junior made the most of his opportunity, destroying Colby's number two player, Owen Patrick, by the score of 8-0. In the second round, Carlson played equally well in the initial set against Patrick Fleury, as he was up one break of serve for the majority of the first set before losing by the score of 6-4, 6-1.

And so, all in all it was a good showing for Bates, after an injury-plagued season in which they split their matches, with the highlight coming near the middle of the season with the dramatic 4-3 victory over the P-Bears. Look for Bates Tennis to reach unparalleled new heights next season, as a strong recruiting class, coupled with an already solid lineup will attempt to receive their first NCAA tournament bid since the 1996 season!

Finally, best wishes to senior Sean Bilsborrow-Koo, whose leadership, sportsmanship, and character has been a tremendous asset to the men's team this year as well as in years past. His presence will be sorely missed by all next year. In addition, congratulations to team MVP Greg Norton, as well as next season's co-captains John Tucker and Dave Carlson.

NOTE: In women's action, first-year Mary Dorman played extremely well in her singles draw, defeating two opponents on her way to the semifinals. There she faced Bowdoin's number one player, whose experience proved to be the deciding factor in ending Dorman's impressive run.

Men's Lax one win short of ECAC qualification

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Men's Lacrosse wrapped up a 9-6 season last week with two lopsided affairs, a 20-3 loss at Middlebury and a 20-7 triumph over Gordon, encapsulating a season full of ups and downs. Bates closed the season at No. 13 in New England, but missed qualifying for the ECAC tournament by one spot.

"The program is definitely heading in the right direction and we're close to the goal of making it into post season play," said Ben Anderson '99. "Two years ago, as well as this year, we came up just a little short but we feel that in the years to come Bates College men's lacrosse will make the post season consistently."

Look no further than this year's freshman class, lead by top scorers Jack Sandler and Dave Frederick, for proof that this team will challenge for post season play in the near future. Opponents quickly learned to key in on the two rookie snipers up front, but Sandler still managed to lead the team with 42 goals, while Frederick was the runner-up with 23 tallies. Both are expert ball handlers capable of darting in and out of holes. Not intimidated by the size of collegiate defenders, these two jackrabbits will be setting the offensive pace for years to come. Sandler effectively made Swiss cheese out of the Gordon defense, punching in a career-high six goals and demonstrating the kind of killer release seen only in natural scorers.

Against Gordon, Sandler was not without company in the Bates scoring column. Sophomore Aaron Sells supplemented the Jack Attack with three tallies of his own, bringing his season total to a phenomenal 22 from the midfield. Linemate Dylan Cruess '01 picked up his 13th and 14th goals of the year and added a pair of assists for good measure. Junior goalkeepers Dirk Huntington and Dave Pillsbury split 13 saves between them and managed to keep the intensity going through some epic assaults by Bates attackers at the opposite end. The game just wasn't complete, however, until senior midfielder Ben Guardenier scored the last two goals of

his career, an appropriate send-off for the team's four seniors.

"We were the better team and we came out and played well," said Brian Kuser '99. "We got on them early and never let them back in it. It was good for the last game of the year to go out with a win and give everyone a chance to play."

At Middlebury just days earlier, Bates experienced a very different type of game, against a team that is NCAA tournament-bound and ranked sixth in Division III. Huntington faced 36 shots and saved 16 in the Bobcats net, but more importantly walked off the field with all of his bits and pieces still working. The Panthers lead 11-0 at the half, and 12 different players would score over the course of the day for Middlebury. At 13-0 in the third quarter, Bates gained momentary control and scored three straight goals, but Middlebury squashed any comeback hopes with seven straight tallies to end the game.

"The Middlebury game was the reverse of the Gordon game," said Anderson. "I'd have to say we were pretty much over-matched. They are number six in the country and we are not. They're a great team with a good chance at winning the Division III national title. As a team we played hard but just did not have the talent that they did."

Looking towards next season, Bates will feel the loss of seniors Anderson, Kuser, Guardenier and Mike Apfelbaum, but hopes to balance that loss with some strong incoming and developing talent. Anderson was intimidating on defense, where he simply bundled any opponent that dared to cut across the front of his net, while Kuser brought a steady veteran presence to the rearguard. Guardenier and Apfelbaum were instrumental in midfield roles, greasing the skids for the transition from defense to offense with sharp outlet passes and speed through the neutral zone.

"This season was a good step for a young group," said Coach Al Brown. "Next year should be even better, though, as we return a very good group of players and bring in a strong group of incoming players."

'catscratches

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Bates Baseball (9-18) played the spoilers in Wednesday's game against Colby (18-15). With the CBB title on the line for the Mules, Bates trotted Kevin Walsh '01 out to the mound and came up with a 4-1 win. Walsh pitched a one-hitter and denied Colby the CBB crown for the first time since 1993. The lone Mule hit came in the third, when slugger Andy Tripp took advantage of a hanging curve ball for his seventh home run of the year. Cut to the eighth inning. With Matt Pound '01 at the plate and one out, "Pounder" launched his third homer of the year and second against the Mule to give Bates a 2-1 edge. Just three batters later, Scott McAuliffe '99 hit a two-run dong, bringing home Austin Philbin '00 and sealing the 4-1 victory. Bates will be looking to retire Coach Bob Flynn with a six-game winning streak this Saturday, if they can get two W's out of a Saturday doubleheader against Eastern Nazarene. First pitch is at 12:00...A couple of coaching decisions to tell you about: Flynn will be replaced by assistant baseball/football coach Craig Vandersea and former Ithaca College assistant volleyball coach Sindie Shollenberger has been named head volleyball coach. In two years as an assistant at Division III Ithaca, Shollenberger coached her team to a 50-26 record and a pair of NCAA tournament appearances. Shollenberger inherits an ECAC Division III North championship team boasting six returning starters and AVCA All-New England selections Amanda Colby '00 and Kate Hagstrom '01. Former volleyball coach Marsha Graef, she of Sports Il-

lustrated fame and the 416-144 career record, will be moving up to the front office as an assistant athletic director...Men's Track and Field captured the State of Maine championship last weekend, as Bates athletes won 10 of 20 events and Coach Al Fereshetian swept the state titles in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track all in the same year. As usual, the Bobcats were a presence in the field events, where they won all but two state titles. Aron Shapiro '99 (long jump, triple jump), Greg Hurley '02 (javelin), Pete Beeson '99 (pole vault), Lucas Adams '00 (discus) and Jeff Snyder '00 (high jump) all contributed wins to complete the Bobcats' domination in the field. In distance running events, Mike Danahy '00 (5,000 meters) and Chris Lupo '01 (10,000 meters) garnered titles in their respective races. Chris Terry '99 mustered a championship performance in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing a scant 11 seconds in front of teammate Justin Bates '02. School recordholder Eric Zwick '01 (200 meters) picked up the Bobcats' only win in the sprints, but Bates still accumulated 240.5 points, well ahead of Colby (167.5), Bowdoin (154) and USM (48)...New head coach Gwen Lexow guided Bates Softball (13-12) to their first 13-win season ever with two wins over Elms College on Thursday. The 'Cats also posted their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1989 and 1990. Senior pitcher Becki Gasior was credited with a 9-0 shutout in the first, and then drove in a pair of runs and had two hits in the second game, a 10-0 slaughtering at the claws of the Bobcats. In Game One, Laura Lent '01 led the way at the plate, with a double, a triple and three ribbies.

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Crew teams move up to varsity

65-13 faculty vote brings total number of varsity sports to 30

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN
News Editor

CHASE HALL LOUNGE - Men's and Women's Crew became the first sports to gain varsity status in well over a decade at Bates College, bringing the total number of varsity teams here to 30, in a 65-13 vote during an April 12 faculty meeting.

Though the measure passed by a large margin, it aroused considerable debate during the meeting. Several faculty members were vocal in their opposition to the proposal, citing the cost of crew, and concerns that the sport's elevation to varsity status would have few positive effects for the college community.

History professor Elizabeth Tobin pointed out that the boats that the crew team uses, called shells, have to be replaced every few years at a cost of \$15,000 - \$18,000.

Tobin and a group of other professors offered an amendment to the proposal that would have made the elevation of crew contingent on the elimination of two other varsity sports, maintaining the current number of varsity teams.

In the words of one faculty member, "That seems like a terrible burden to place



Members of Bates Crew await the faculty's decision outside of Chase Hall Lounge.

Matthew Epstein photo.

on the crew team."

The 28 team limit on varsity sports was voted down by the faculty.

The major arguments for raising crew were offered by Economics professor David Aschauer, who serves on the

Faculty Committee on Athletics.

"Cognitive skills need to be matched with performance skills," said Aschauer in the meeting. "Our primary goal [at Bates] is to develop knowledgeable individuals who are going to be able to com-

pete successfully."

Aschauer explained how being a varsity team would give the crew teams better "access to competitive events." Currently, the teams are unable to race against some other schools because of their club status.

As a varsity team, crew will also have better coaching. Said French professor Richard Williamson: "If these people are so diligent, and so motivated, then I think they deserve good coaching."

There will now be a nationwide search for a coach, and an assistant will also be hired.

Current coach Emily Brines, who will not be applying for the new position commented: "We're really pleased, it's been kind of a long time coming."

After the faculty rejected the 28 team limit for varsity sports, they voted on the crew proposal by secret ballot. Some faculty members were concerned that they would face retribution for voting against crew's gaining varsity status.

The faculty also moved to close the doors to Chase Hall Lounge because they objected to the crew team's being able to listen in on the hour-long debate regarding its fate.

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